

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 285**

**WHEREAS**, Hector Gutierrez Jr. is the recipient of a 2023 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas A&M University; and

**WHEREAS**, The highest honor bestowed upon former students of Texas A&M, the Distinguished Alumnus Award has been presented to only 328 of the university's more than 574,000 alumni since 1962; the accolade is given jointly by Texas A&M and The Association of Former Students to recognize Aggies who have achieved excellence in their chosen professions and who have made meaningful contributions to the school and their local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, A member of the Class of 1969, Hector Gutierrez graduated with a mathematics degree; he was commander of the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets and belonged to Squadron 9 and the Ross Volunteers; additionally, he was president of the Honor Council and a member of Town Hall and the Student Conference on National Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gutierrez has given back to his alma mater in many ways, including by holding a seat on the boards of directors for both Texas A&M University Press and The Association of Former Students; furthermore, he served on the Corps of Cadets Development Council and the Development Foundation Board of the Texas A&M Health Science Center; through his efforts as founding chair of the Texas A&M Hispanic Network, he helped make possible the university's designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution; and

**WHEREAS**, This esteemed Texan served 5 years in the U.S. Air Force and 16 years in the Air Force Reserve, rising to the rank of

lieutenant colonel; over the course of his 34-year civilian career, he worked for El Paso Electric and HillCo Partners, and he served as a public affairs consultant for the City of El Paso, the El Paso Water Public Service Board, AT&T, Motorola, and the American Heart Association; moreover, he owned Hector Gutierrez Consulting, a public relations and communications firm; and

**WHEREAS,** Hector Gutierrez has distinguished himself through his professional and civic endeavors, and he is indeed deserving of recognition for his exemplary record of achievement and for the positive impact he has had on the Texas A&M community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Hector Gutierrez Jr. on receiving a 2023 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas A&M University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Hector Gutierrez as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate